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SUBJECT: KHMER IN 29TH UNGA: BOUTEFLIKA-LONG BORET CONVERSATION

1. ON OCTOBER 9, JUST PRIOR TO LONG BORET'S ADDRESS TO UNGA, HE MET FOR 20 - 25 MINUTES WITH UNGA PRESIDENT BOUTEFLIKA, WHO DID NOT PRESIDE WHILE LONG BORET WAS SPEAKING.

2. BOUTEFLIKA OPENED CONVERSATION BY ASKING WHETHER BORET WANTED TO TALK TO BOUTEFLIKA THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNGA OR BOUTEFLIKA THE FONMIN OF ALGERIA. BORET REPLIED HE WANTED TO TALK TO BOTH AND TO BOUTEFLIKA THE MAN. BOUTEFLIKA BEGAN BY SPEAKING AS FONMIN OF ALGERIA. HE SAID PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE KHMER PROBLEM AND PRINCE SIHNOUK; THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ALGERIAN POLICY TOWARD CAMBODIA WAS BOUTEFLIKA HIMSELF. HE EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT SIHANOUK SHOULD RETURN TO CAMBODIA AS HEAD OF STATE.

3. SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNGA, HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD BE STRICTLY NEUTRAL.

4. LONG BORET SAID THAT HE TOLD BOUTEFLIKA ABOUT THE
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REALITIES OF THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM AND ADDED THAT, AS

PRESIDENT OF THE UNGA, BOUTEFLIKA SHOULD WORK FOR PEACE IN
CAMBODIA RATHER THAN TO REINSTATE SIHANOUK.
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